

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**

**Thursday January 27, 2011 6:00 PM**

**Selectmen's Conference Room**

**Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini.

**Members Present** – First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Joe Tolisano and Kathy Devlin, CFO Kim Marcotte and Operations Manager Doug Minich.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Correspondence** – None

**Selectmen's Update** – Mrs. Pellegrini reported on the barn and garage roof collapses in Somers due to the amount of accumulated snow this winter and advised that there would be no relief from DEHMS. She also reported that the cost of the last storm submitted to FEMA was \$56,574.96. Mrs. Pellegrini attended a briefing by Sen. Kissel in which he reported that aid to municipalities would be affected in the new state budget and that “shared sacrifice” would be the watchword. Somers was awarded \$70,000 from the Hartford Foundation to help in support of our Senior Services. She also updated the Board on budget meetings with department heads to be held in February.

**Boards and Commissions** – Mrs. Pellegrini has received a notice from David Pinney acknowledging that Diane Yensen has moved out of Somers and has resigned from the Housing Authority. Her resignation was accepted with thanks for her service. The Board will interview Jan Warnock for the vacant position. There is an opening on the CRCOG Regional Planning Commission Board and it was suggested that Mr. Brad Pellisier fill that opening as he has served there before. ***A motion was made by Mrs. Devlin to appoint Mr. Pelletier to the CRCOG Regional Planning Commission which was seconded by Mr. Tolisano. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.*** The Central Region Tourism Board has an opening since Mr. Dan Roulier can no longer serve, since he is a Massachusetts resident. The Economic Development Commission will be asked to recommend a replacement.

**Old Business** –

The need for the Design Review Board and for the Design Review Ordinance was discussed and further clarification regarding the intent of the ordinance will be discussed with the Planning Commission.

The MIRMA assessment was discussed and \$25, 888.98 has been encumbered for this fiscal year, but has not been paid. The assessment for 2011-2012 has been levied at \$23,299.93. Mr Jim Kuhn of AFS & V will be asked to review the MIRMA worksheet.

The Streets and Sidewalk Ordinance was amended to establish a hearing officer. Suggestions for Hearing Officers were Mr. David Reed and Mrs. Carol Pyne. ***A motion was made by Mrs. Devlin to amend the ordinance which was seconded by Mr. Tolisano. A vote to approve the motion was unanimous.*** The amended ordinance will be published and a Public Hearing will be scheduled in accordance with the Town Charter.

The Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance was amended to increase the fines and clarify winter parking. ***A motion was made by Mrs. Devlin to amend the ordinance which was seconded by Mr. Tolisano. A vote to approve the motion was unanimous.*** The amended ordinance will be published and a Public Hearing will be scheduled in accordance with the Town Charter.

#### **New Business –**

**American Red Cross CT Heroes Award** - Mrs. Pellegrini nominated Somers residents Ms. Pat Loftus and Mr. Rolland Henry, as well as the Somers Class of 2017 for the American Red Cross Connecticut Hero's Awards in December. She announced the Somers Class of 2017 won the Spirit of the American Red Cross category for their coordination of the Home Town Hero Program which honored Somers Veterans on Veterans Day as well as their fundraising efforts for the American Flag Display on Main Street. They will be honored at a breakfast in March in Farmington, CT. Ms. Loftus and Mr. Henry will be presented with certificates. Ms. Loftus was nominated to the Medical Professional category for her dedication and commitment to CPR training and Mr. Henry was nominated to the Community Impact Category due to his exemplary work with coordinating food drives and donations.

**Registrar Discussion** - Mrs. Joan Sizer was introduced as the Republican Registrar to replace Marge Madden who resigned. Mrs. Joanne Hornyak presented the Board a document showing what the Registrars duties are as prescribed by Connecticut General Statutes. The Board requested that Mrs. Hornyak and Mrs. Sizer meet with the Budget Team to help develop their portion of the budget. After some discussion, it was suggested that the Registrar's get paid a stipend rather than an hourly rate. ***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to pay the Registrars by stipend rather than by hourly rate which was seconded by Mr. Tolisano. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.***

**Kibbe-Fuller Discussion** - The Probate Court will not be using Kibbe-Fuller this year or next year and the Board is looking into the possibility of closing the building in winter as a cost saving measure.

**2011 Small Cities Grant** - The 2011 Small Cities Grants are to begin and the Housing Authority would like to use the grant for Woodcrest Phase II. Mrs. Devlin stated that there are other needs for the funding and asked that the grant be used to address are Town Hall energy efficiency improvements, Town Hall infrastructure and Police Station improvements. Small Cities will be consulted for their input as well to determine a list of eligible items. Mrs.

Pellegrini stated that a future meeting with the Housing Authority should be scheduled in the near future to discuss Phase II as well as tax abatements and author appointments.

**Equipment to be Sold** - The Fire Department has a Uni-Mog ATV they no longer need and have offered it for sale which meets with the approval of the Board of Selectmen. Town Clerk Ann Logan will be consulted for the proper procedure for selling a Town asset.

**Town Road Acceptance** - The following roads have been accepted by the Town; Aspen Ridge, Barn Swallow Road, Bobolink Lane and Harvest Hill Road. ***A motion to accept the roads was made by Mr. Tolisano and seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.***

**Authorization of Scheduled Payments –**

***Mr. Tolisano made a motion to approve scheduled payments of \$120, 301.16 which was seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.***

**Appropriations/Transfers**

Department: Senior Center

Transfer to:

HVAC Senior Center	320-5130-070-0730-5-00	\$4,000.00
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Transfer from:

<u>Misc. Expenditure</u>	<u>320-0000-000-0890-5-00</u>	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
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Department: Fire Department

Transfer to:

Equip Maintenance	100-2016-020-0432-5-00	\$ 500.00
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Transfer from:

<u>Radio Maintenance</u>	<u>100-2016-020-0432-5-01</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
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Department: Ambulance

Transfer to:

Vehicle Maintenance	100-4124-020-0433-5-00	\$2,500.00
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Transfer from:

<u>Ambulance Training</u>	<u>100-4124-026-0322-5-00</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
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***A motion was made by Mr. Tolisano to approve transfers and was seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.***

**Acceptance of Minutes –**

***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the Minutes of December 2, 2010, January 6, 2011 with corrected date, January 13, 2011, January 19, 2011 and January 20, 2011, which was seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The vote to approve with correction was unanimous.***

Mrs. Devlin made the comment that the Town received a \$20,000 Transportation grant which has been accepted by the Town and the Board of Finance says must go to a Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen questions if this is the correct procedure per Town Charter and will investigate further.

**Adjournment –**

***Mr. Tolisano made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM***

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas H. Minich – Recording

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